Setting up of gas cracker project in Assam

329. DR. NEGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the estimated cost for setting up of the proposed gas cracker project in Assam;

(b) whether any site has been selected for the purpose, if so what is the name of the place;

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be selected; and

(d) by when the work is proposed to be started?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) to (d) Government has approved in principle the establishment of a gas cracker in Assam to utilise the available gas. The estimated capital cost of the project inclusive of down stream units is around Rs. 2,000 crores. The Assam Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. has not decided the exact site for the project yet.

hortage of LPG in Bombay.

330. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is short supply of bottled LPG in the Bombay area;

(b) whether inadequate availability of cylinders is one of the reasons for the shortage;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard;

(d) what is the total number of distributors of LPG Gas in Bombay, Delhi, Madras, Secunderabad and Calcutta; and

(e) whether the Indian Oil Corporation have any distributors in Pune and Goa, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) A temporary shortage in the supply of LPG refills was reported recently in certain locations of Bombay on account of constraints in the bulk availability of LPG as a result of incessant rain, apart from transporation problems, oil industry officers' strike and Bharat Bandh in October, 1990. With the measures already taken, the situation has improved to a large extent.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) As on November, 1990 the number of LPG distributors in Bombay, Delhi, Madras, Secundrabad and Calcutta was as under:

City	No. of distributors
Bombay	— 128
Delhi	— 202
Madras	— 96
Secunderabad	— 57
Calcutta	— 122

(e) Indian Oil Corporation have one LPG distributorship each in Pune and Goa, which are exclusively for defence personnel.

Doctors' services in rural areas

331. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to make it obligatory that all the doctors should serve rural areas before they are awarded their degrees;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether certain sections of the medical community are opposing this move as reported in the 'Times of India' of 16th September, 1990; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?